AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to improve the filterability of [[the]]a first fine-grained waste material generated in a metallurgical industry, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising before filtration, adding a second fine-grained ~~gypsum precipitate~~ waste material [[in]]to the first fine-grained waste material, wherein the second fine-grained waste material is gypsum precipitate and the first fine-grained waste material is ~~which is~~ an iron precipitate generated during ~~the fabrication of~~ zinc fabrication, wherein the amount of the gypsum precipitate to be added is 10 – 30 % of the amount of the iron precipitate, wherein the iron precipitate has a particle size ~~of the iron precipitate is in the region~~ of less than 30 pm and the particle size of the gypsum precipitate is ~~being~~ at least twice as large as the particle size of the iron precipitate, and the ~~precipitates~~first and second fine-grained waste materials remain stable in the same kind of conditions.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~, wherein the first fine-grained waste material is jarosite precipitate.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~, wherein the first fine-grained waste material is goethite precipitate.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~, wherein the first fine-grained waste material is hematite precipitate.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the particle shape of one waste material is spherical and the other needle-shaped.